

CTTAB

May 10, 2005 Minutes

STAR Center 2121 – 26th Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98144

Board Members Present Maryann Budlong Jesse Mar Chun Deborah Gartside Paul Green Harry Hart, III Pwint Htun Brendan Kao Damien Koemans Huat Chye Lim Ann Robinson Nina Sanders Ken Thompson Excused Todd Achilles Bill Baron Manny Ovena	Absent Kevin Leo Visitors Vicky Yuki, SHA Donna Potter Garcia, Center Park Residents' Council Staff Claudia Arana David Keyes Jill Novik Tony Perez Bill Schrier
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1. Announcements, Agenda Approval; Review of Minutes:

The agenda and April 12, 2005 minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Introduction of Claudia Arana, Board and Commissions Coordinator

Ms. Arana introduced herself and requested CTTAB members to suggest and interest people for boards and commissions.

3. Director's Report: Bill Schrier

See attached.

4. Wi-Fi Deployment: Bill Schrier

Schrier and CTTAB engaged in a conversation about the City's Wi-Fi pilot project. There was concurrence that the pilot projects, with appropriate evaluation, are a good idea. Suggestions were made concerning the areas to be served, metrics for measurement, impact on businesses and other evaluation criteria. CTTAB will make more in depth review with the goal of presenting Schrier with recommendations at or before the June meeting.

The Wi-Fi project will have its formal launch on May 18 at 10 a.m. at the Wellington Restaurant in Columbia City. At that time, uniform signs will be unveiled along with cards explaining how to use the service.

5. Committee Reports

Community technology: David Keyes

Keyes announced that students from Nathan Hale, Cleveland, and Seattle Girls School will present the Green Maps project June 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the Bertha Landes room in City Hall.

The 2005 Technology Matching Fund recommendations will be presented to City Council on May 24 at 2:00 p.m. Nina Sanders will attend, and the board is also encouraged to attend.

Sustainability: Brandon Kao

Kao report that they are working with PSACT and RecTech to decide how best to use CTTAB.

SeaStats: Ken Thompson

Thompson is unable to continue as chair of the committee. Pwint Htun volunteered to join – and possibly chair – the committee. She will check in with Achilles and Terry Wittman.

Broadband Task Force: Huat Lim

Lim reported that the Task Force has completed its work and had developed several conclusions and recommendations, principally that broadband is critical to Seattle's future. Using information provided by speakers and subcommittees, the Task Force investigated different mechanisms and determined that a fiber optic network offered the combination of least expensive, most durable, and ability to support high bandwidth necessary. Such a network would signal that Seattle is a good place to incubate businesses and the Task Force research indicated that the existing commercial framework would not provide this system.

Lim added that key recommendations of the Task Force are: 1) the City should explore partnerships with the private sector to develop broadband networks capable of 20-25 Mbps; 2) the City should continue to develop its fiber network for municipal purposes, with private deployment piggybacking on the City's fiber; and 3) create a City Office of Broadband with a citizen advisory committee to monitor the City's progress toward achieving the goal of 20-25 Mbps as a short term goal.

6. Cable Office Report: Tony Perez

Franchise negotiations: Tony reported that the City and Comcast are in a sensitive and critical stage of the negotiations.

Wireless providers: the City has received applications from wireless companies wanting to build Distribution Antenna Systems (DAS) for use by other commercial operations and .as possible sharing opportunities for the City.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.